

# FEMA Provides Another \$1.1 Million to Utah for COVID-19 Response

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DENVER – FEMA has approved another \$1.1 million in Public Assistance funding for the COVID-19 response in Utah. The assistance was made available under a major disaster declaration issued April 4, 2020. FEMA has approved more than \$381 million in Public Assistance funding for the Utah COVID-19 response to date.

The **\$1.1 million** was provided to Utah County to provide non-congregate sheltering. This included meals for sheltered individuals, van transportation and disinfection services. Non-congregate sheltering included expenses at three hotels for a total of 836 nights, with the duration of stays varying from 1 to 20 days. The sheltered individuals consisted of law enforcement officers, firefighters, EMS personnel and hospital staff including, but not limited to doctors, nurses, medical support staff, and at the direction of the Utah County Health Department other high-risk individuals and non-residents. This funding covers costs incurred between March 9, 2020, through May 31, 2022.

For the COVID-19 response, FEMA has simplified the Public Assistance application and funding process to address the magnitude of this event and to allow local officials to receive eligible funding more quickly. These reimbursements play a critical role as state, local and tribal officials work to assist their communities during this response. To fully support this essential work, the President authorized provision of FEMA Public Assistance at 100 percent federal funding through July 1, 2022. Beginning July 2, 2022, the federal cost share for COVID-19 projects is 90 percent of the eligible cost.

On February 9, FEMA announced the agency would publish a Federal Register Notice providing a 90-day advance notice to government partners and stakeholders that eligibility of COVID-19 work and reimbursable costs will end on May 11, 2023.

The FEMA Public Assistance program provides funding to governmental agencies and certain private non-profits for eligible disaster response costs and to repair or replace damaged public infrastructure. For more information about the Public



Assistance program, visit: <https://www.fema.gov/assistance/public/program-overview>.



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